Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (new). A method of configuring a language of a computer program, the method which comprises the following steps:

selecting a text memory wherein alphanumeric message character strings are associated with alphanumeric identification expressions;

finding in the text memory identification expressions associated with wildcard character strings contained in the computer program and replacing the wildcard character strings in the computer program with the associated message character strings in the text memory, and thereby:

carrying out the finding and replacing steps during a runtime of an executable binary computer program; and

carrying out the replacing step by associating the message character strings with memory variables in the running computer programs.

Claim 14 (new). The method according to claim 13, which comprises selecting the text memory such that the identification expressions contain alphanumeric name descriptors and alphanumeric field descriptors, and a respective field descriptor has an associated message character string.

Claim 15 (new). The method according to claim 14, wherein an identification expression in the text memory is found for a wildcard character string contained in a computer program by evaluating a path for the wildcard character string, and wherein the path is formed from at least one of the name descriptors.

Claim 16 (new). The method according to claim 13, which comprising selecting the XML format for configuring the text memory, and finding the identification expressions by interpreting XML tags.

Claim 17 (new). The method according to claim 16, which comprises storing identification expressions and message texts in an XML table in the XML text memory.

Claim 18 (new). The method according to claim 13, which comprises reading the respective wildcard expressions to be replaced from a memory variable in a dialog structure in the computer program.

Claim 19 (new). A method of configuring a language of a computer program, the method which comprises the following steps:

selecting a text memory wherein alphanumeric message character strings are associated with alphanumeric identification expressions;

running the computer program by runtime execution of an executable binary program file and, during the execution:

finding in the text memory identification expressions associated with wildcard character strings contained in the computer program and replacing the wildcard character strings in the computer program with the associated message character strings in the text memory, by assigning the message character strings to memory variables in the running computer programs.

Claim 20 (new). A computer system with means for configuring the language of a computer program stored in the computer system, comprising:

a text memory having stored therein an association between alphanumeric identification expressions and alphanumeric message character strings;

means for finding identification expressions in said text memory associated with wildcard character strings contained in the computer program and for

replacing the wildcard character strings in the computer program with the associated message character strings in said text memory; and

wherein the computer program is in executable binary code and said means for finding and replacing are contained in the computer program.

Claim 21 (new). The computer system according to claim 20, wherein the identification expressions contained in said text memory contain at least one alphanumeric name descriptor and at least one alphanumeric field descriptor, and a respective field descriptor has an associated message character string.

Claim 22 (new). The computer system according to claim 21, wherein the wildcard character strings contained in the computer program have a respective path formed from at least one of said name descriptors.

Claim 23 (new). The computer system according to claim 20, wherein said text memory is in XML format, and wherein name descriptors are shown as XML tag names and field descriptors are shown as XML attribute names.

Claim 24 (new). The computer system according to claim 20, wherein a respective wildcard character string contains at least one XML tag name, and the wildcard character string starts with a characteristic prefix.

Claim 25 (new). The computer system according to claim 20, wherein the wildcard character strings to be replaced are stored in a memory variable in a dialog structure in the computer program.